

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 10, 2009 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1, 2, 4-16, and 18-28 stand rejected, and claim 21 stands objected to. Claims 14 and 20 have been amended herein. Claims 1-2, 5-13, 19, 21, 27, and 28 have been canceled herein and claims 30-38 have been newly added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present Application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out allowable subject matter in claim 21.

Objections

Claim 21 stands objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but the Office Action notes that claim 21 would overcome the art of record if rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 14 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 21 and claim 19, and claim 21 has been canceled herein, rendering the objection moot. Accordingly, amended independent claim 14 overcomes the art of record, as indicated by the Office Action. *See Office Action*, pg. 11.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 13-16, 18-20 and 26-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul Johns, "Signing and Marking ActiveX Controls" (hereinafter "Johns") in view of IE as illustrated by Microsoft, Schnoll, Acd. Ucar. Edu and Resource Kit, "Microsoft Internet Explorer Resource Kit," (hereinafter "IE") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,340,770 to Freund (hereinafter "Freund"). Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 13, 19, 27, and

28 have been canceled herein, rendering the rejections thereof moot. Furthermore, independent claim 14 has been amended herein to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 21 and intervening claim 19. According to the Office Action, dependent claim 21 would be patentable over the cited art if rewritten in independent form. *Office Action*, pg. 11. By incorporating all of the limitations of claim 21 and intervening claim 19 into independent claim 14, claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form, as amended independent claim 14, and therefore, amended independent claim 14 is patentable over the cited art. Each of claims 15, 18, 20, and 26 depends from independent claim 14. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are patentable over the art of record for at least the above-cited reasons, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 14, 15, 18, 20, and 26.

Dependent claims 9-12 and 22-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johns in view of IE and further in view of Freund and further in view of Windows OS as illustrated by Microsoft, "Microsoft "Windows 2000 User Profiles", July 2003 and TechNet, Microsoft TechNet, "User Profile Structure" and "Appendix: Group Policy Setting for Roaming User Profiles", March 2002 (hereinafter "Windows OS"). Claims 9-12 have been canceled herein, rendering the rejections thereof moot. Each of claims 22-25 depends, either directly or indirectly, from amended independent claim 14. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are patentable over the art of record for at least the above-cited reasons, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 22-25.

Claims 1, 11-15 and 24-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johns in view of Windows OS and Peter Hipson, "Windows 2000 Registry", ISBN: 0782126154, 2000 (hereinafter "Hipson") and further in view of IE and further in view of

Freund. Claims 1, 11-13, and 27 have been canceled herein, rendering the rejections thereof moot. As discussed above, independent claim 14 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 21 and intervening claim 19. Accordingly, amended independent claim 14 is patentable over the art of record. Each of claims 15 and 24-26 depends from amended independent claim 14. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are patentable over the art of record for at least the above-cited reasons, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 15 and 24-26.

New Claims 30-38

Claims 30-38 have been newly added herein. Independent claim 30 consists of all of the limitations of independent claim 14, as amended herein, but is directed to a different statutory class of invention. Because amended independent claim 14 is patentable over the art of record, as described above, and independent claim 30 includes all of the limitations of amended independent claim 14, Applicant respectfully submits that new independent claim 30 is patentable over the art of record. Each of claims 31-38 depends from independent claim 30, and therefore, each of claims 31-38 are also patentable over the art of record at least by reason of their dependency from independent claim 30. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 30-38 are patentable over the art of record.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above, claims 14, 15, 18, 20, 22-26, and 30-38 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned – 816-474-6550 or plujin@shb.com (such communication via email is herein expressly granted) – to resolve the same. It is believed that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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